

HE BECAME A HUMAN TORCH.

An Explosion of Benzine Wrapped Reichardt in Flames.

Looked in a Blazing Store, He Broke Through a Window.

A thrilling scene was witnessed in Forty-fifth street, near Seventh avenue, early this morning. Several persons who were passing saw a man, whose clothes were on fire from head to foot, plunge through the plate glass window of a store into the street.

The man was Christian Reichardt, who keeps a tailor store at 172 West Forty-fifth street, in the old Seventy-first Regiment Armory Building, which was on fire some months ago. Reichardt lives with his wife and three children at 424 West Forty-sixth street.

He left home about 6.30 this morning, telling his wife he had to finish some work for a customer. It was about 6.50 when he reached his shop. He locked the door after he got in and put the keys in his pocket and then went to work in a little room back of the shop.

It is supposed that he was cleaning a coat with benzine and that the benzine either exploded or became ignited in some manner. Reichardt's clothes took fire from the benzine, which fell over him, and in an instant he was in flames from head to foot.

He rushed through the store and made for the door. He had the key in his pocket, and he could not get the key out. By this time the store had taken fire and the flames were burning fiercely.

Reichardt, who was completely enveloped in flames and in danger of a horrible death, threw himself with all his weight against the plate-glass window of his store. The glass, which was about 9 feet high and 6 feet wide, broke with a crash and fell into the street. At the same time Reichardt, a living torch, landed on the sidewalk.

Henry Haviland, Jr., whose father keeps the Empire Carriage Works at 1537 Broadway, and Charles Reichardt, who were passing, grabbed a horse-blanket from a nearby truck and threw it around the unfortunate man.

Reichardt in his agony and frenzy struggled like a madman. It was all the two men could do to hold him down and smother the flames. Then they carried him to Haviland's carpet works and an ambulance was called. In the ambulance Reichardt was extinguished the flames in the store.

At Bellevue Hospital, to which place Reichardt was taken, it was said by the surgeons that his injuries would in all probability result fatally.

FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Uneasiness Over Rumors of European War Preparations.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.) LONDON, Nov. 19.—Advices from Berlin, Vienna and other cities show a continued spirit of uneasiness over the rumors of warlike movements on the part of several of the powers.

To such rumors is attributable the depression on the Bourse at closing hours yesterday.

The reports say that Russia has ordered 40,000 troops to the Austrian frontier and has deferred the re-arming of the soldiers; that Austria has also strengthened her frontier services and that Germany has ordered a supply of special shelter tents for use in open districts in case of a winter war with Russia.

A Forger's Clumsy Attempt to Depress the Bordeaux Bourse.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.) PARIS, Nov. 19.—An attempt to depress the Bordeaux Bourse by means of a forged dispatch regarding the opening price of rentes in Paris was discovered in time to prevent any effect yesterday.

The sender overdid the matter, announcing a fall of nearly nine francs, so great a drop as to excite suspicion.

France's New Minister to the United States.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) PARIS, Nov. 19.—M. Patenotre, the newly appointed Minister of France to the United States, will shortly depart for his post.

A number of his friends tendered him a farewell banquet last evening. Among the more prominent guests present were: Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the United States Minister to France; Mr. King, the United States Consul-General at Paris; M. Mellin, member of the Chamber of Deputies; M. de la Roche, member of the Chamber of Deputies; M. de la Roche, member of the Chamber of Deputies; M. de la Roche, member of the Chamber of Deputies.

Denying that Russia is to Issue a New Five Per Cent Loan.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 19.—The *Bourse Gazette* today publishes a denial of the report that the Government intends shortly to issue a new five per cent loan.

The Gazette states that the Imperial Bank holds gold to a sufficient amount to meet the charges on the external loan for the next four years.

TOO COLD FOR THE THRESHERS.

North Dakota Can't Get Men Even at \$4 Per Day.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—Hundreds of men have returned from North Dakota, where they have been assisting at threshing. They say that at least one-third of the wheat is still unthreshed, but that they could not remain there with the temperature hovering about the zero point.

Oscar Miller, of Gaston, is now trying to get men to go to North Dakota, offering as much as \$4 a day and board. Threshing hills says there are plenty of machines in the country, but that it is impossible to get men to man them.

Most of the farmers of North Dakota are unable to furnish sleeping quarters for the hands, and sleeping in barns and straw stacks with the weather at zero is impossible even at \$4 a day.

VICTIMS OF ESCAPING GAS.

Three Dead, Two to Die and Three May Live, Out of Two Families.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 19.—At Lapelle last night Mrs. Mary Hoffman and her two sons, Peter and Newton, both grown, retired and left the gas burning at high pressure in the stove. The draught was imperfect and the blaze was extinguished.

Mrs. Hoffman and the older son recovered consciousness in the open air, but cannot live. The younger boy was dead when discovered.

DARTON, O., Nov. 19.—An aged couple, James Ellis and wife, were found dead in their home yesterday at Troy, O., from inhaling natural gas. They had been sleeping in a room where the gas had been leaking.

The fire was left burning in the cook stove, but from irregular pressure the gas had leaked into the room.

NEVER in our recollection has well-made furniture been sold at such low prices as are offered at Cass & Patten Co.'s, 14th St., near 6th Ave. today.

DEBEVOISE DENIES IT ALL.

Says He Is Not Responsible for Fraud in School Buildings.

A Committee of the School Board Reports on Charges Against Him.

A sweeping arraignment of the administration of ex-Supt. George W. Debevoise has been made by the Committee on School Buildings in a report just submitted to the Board of Education.

The discovery of supposed irregularities was made shortly after Supt. Debevoise resigned, last June, and the investigations of the committee have been going on in secret ever since.

In their report the committee says that after examining Mr. Debevoise and his assistant, Eugene S. O'Neil, who had charge of the sanitary construction of new buildings, it finds that there were many important deviations from specifications in the erection of school-houses under the superintendence of Mr. Debevoise, by which the contractors substituted cheaper materials than were specified and in many instances utterly neglected to furnish the materials called for.

These shortcomings, they say, should easily have been discovered by an expert, even if every inspector had certified falsely; and yet the report says in all cases the contractors received certificates that they had completed their work satisfactorily and were entitled to payment in full.

The gravest charge is made at the close of the report, the clause reading as follows: "It is the opinion of the committee that competent and honest superintendence and inspection by the parties responsible for the work would have detected the fraud that has been perpetrated and that the committee believe that the sums of money which should have been recovered from contractors, and that there are, perhaps, guilty parties who should be punished."

The matter has been referred to Rufus Beardsley, counsel for the Board, who will decide whether or not it is to be taken to the Board of Education, or whether it should be referred to the Board of Civil Service for the purpose of preventing him from securing appointment as a Commissioner of the Board of Education or as a Commissioner of the Board of Civil Service.

"They are trying to make a mountain out of a molehill," he says, "as I can easily prove that the deviations of the contractors, which form the basis of the Committee's report, do not make a difference of more than about to the city. Even that I am not responsible for, because I had no time to examine the details of the work, but relied entirely on the certificates of my inspectors."

"I am considering that more than \$12,000,000 was expended for new buildings which I was superintending the inauguration of the system involved in this investigation is a serious one."

"I am willing to stand on this record and have nothing to say to the members of the committee for extra work were allowed on several buildings, to the amount of \$5,000. I can show you the records that every dollar that was spent for excavating rock that had been unexpectedly encountered in laying foundations."

"I want to say that all my inspectors were perfectly honest and competent, for I know that they were. I am not a politician, and I do not care for political influence in a hard thing to fight against, and I found it so."

"But the statement of the inspectors is favorable before the Committee should be unfavorable to me in nature, because they are in office and I am not. I give the best of answers that they thought the Committee wanted, no doubt."

"I am considering, however, are in no sense of the word evidence, as they were all ex parte, and do not contain statements of facts, but mere inferences and suggestions."

SENT IN THREE ALARMS.

Fire Chief Purroy is Taking No Chances in Tenement Districts.

Three alarms were sent out at 3 o'clock this morning from a fire in a new seven-story building at 80 Henry street. The structure is used for manufacturing purposes. The fire was on the sixth floor, and ranged downward. Its origin is unknown.

By order of Battalion Chief Purroy was a precautionary measure. "We take no chances in crowded tenement districts," said he, "and although, as things turned out, the engines which responded to the first alarm were able to subdue the fire, it is well to be prepared against the spreading of the flames."

"Luckily there was a sufficient head of water in the river, and we had no trouble from that source, although we expected it."

SAUNDERS, clothing manufacturer, sustained a loss of \$1,000 to stock, and the loss to other tenants will not exceed \$1,500. The building was damaged \$1,000. There was a fire only six weeks ago in the same building. Shortly before midnight a fire started in the second story of the building, badly damaging the whole structure.

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A night fire occurred at 10.30 this forenoon in the basement of the tenement at 100 West 10th street, corner of Beekman and Cliff streets. It was caused by spontaneous combustion of fish waste, and was put out without causing much damage.

MUST STILL HOARD WATER.

Supply from the Rainfall Held in Storage Basins.

Commissioner Gilroy said today that his department had taken no further steps to reduce the public's present supply of Croton water, despite the fact that there is a steady decrease in the reservoir.

The result of Tuesday's rainfall, while it added about 700,000 gallons of water to the diminishing supply, has had its depressing effect as well.

At 8 o'clock this morning, the water in the larger reservoir at Central Park measured 20 feet 10 1/2 inches, or a loss of 5 inches from the preceding day. The old reservoir of the water was 4 feet 3 inches, or a loss of 5 inches, while there was only 9 feet 8 inches of water in the Croton reservoir.

The decrease of 10 inches in twenty-four hours. The supply of water obtained from the rainfall will be making for storage purposes in case it does not rain soon.

The diminution of the supply has during the last two days been a serious complaint along the upper portion of the island on the west side, where it is high ground. A howl of indignation has been raised by the residents along the Boulevard from One Hundred and Thirty-third street down to One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, who have been without water since yesterday morning.

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BARGAIN NO. 1.—The remainder of the Ladies' best French Kid Button, hand sewed, all styles, made in Paris, value \$7.50, at.....2.98

BARGAIN NO. 2.—The remainder of the imported fancy Slippers and Oxford, value \$6.50, at.....2.39

BARGAIN NO. 3.—Ladies' Kid Button, all the fashionable shapes and styles, value \$3.25, at.....1.98

BARGAIN NO. 4.—Ladies' imported satin beaded Slippers, black and colored, value \$3.50, at.....99c.

BARGAIN NO. 5.—Ladies' imported black and brown Cloth Over-gaiters, value \$1.50, at.....89c.

Ladies' Lamb's-Wool Socks - 17c.

Ladies' Rubber Overshoes - 25c.

Every style of fine Footwear, for all sexes and ages, at our popular low prices.

SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

The Paying of Cash Premiums to Amateur Boxers.

Boxing tournaments were never so plentiful in this vicinity as they are this season. They have sprung up like mushrooms, and every little aggregation of sports who can get enough of their kind together to make a half-dozen respectable pugilists blossoms out as a full-fledged athletic club and makes pugilism the main feature.

Several of the larger organizations have held tournaments that have brought more money into their treasuries than has ever flowed its way there before. This has led to a very grievous evil. The boxers, claiming to be amateurs and fighting under the rules of an organization which exists for the purpose of promoting amateur athletics, notice the club under whose colors the exhibition is given taking in money hand over fist, and as they form the attraction and only receive a \$35 trophy as a compensation for several weeks of training and a hard punching on the night of the exhibition naturally feel that boxing for a meagre is a shallow performance. Some of the managers of these tournaments, knowing what revenue could be made out of them, began to offer premiums in cash, with the result that is more injurious than otherwise to say the least.

The Amateur Athletic Union has here a large field for investigation. The Board of the Union admit that they think this is a great evil, but they have as yet failed to root it out.

Mortimer Remington, M. A. C., has gone to Charleston, S. C., to superintend the erection of a house for Charles O. Perry, the Director of Bicycling of the Manhattan Athletic Club. Remington will be absent all winter.

Paddy Gorman, who has had such poor luck arranging fights for himself of late, is now training Billy Woods for his meeting with Joe Chynowski at San Francisco Dec. 17.

Arthur T. Lumley, of the *Illustrated News*, has an idea which he thinks would be a great financial success. It is a football game between pugilists. He thinks a great showing would be made by a team composed of such men as Jack Young, Paddy Ryan, Jerry Slattery, Bill and Jack Slavin, Jimmy Carroll, Jim Glynn, Jimmy Frater, Jack Frye, Peter Maher, George Smith and Billy Dupee.

Willie Kinney is training at Greenville, N. J., and Tom Callaghan at New Brighton, N. J., for their coming skin-glove fight.

W. H. Ford, ex-President of the Croquet Club, has suffered the loss of his collection of press clippings, menus and the like, which formed a complete history of the Club. He will reimburse and one handkerchief will return the book.

The Hanover Athletic Club will hold a cross-country race this evening, starting from Sixty-third street and Eighth avenue. An invitation is extended to all athletes to attend.

Over 150 entries have already been received for the indoor games of the Manhattan Athletic Club to be held in Madison Square Garden Nov. 28. Many of the cracks are among the number.

Jimmy Larkin and John T. Griffin will contest for the championship of Madison Square Garden and \$2,500 to-night at the Olympic Club, New Orleans. They are said to be in perfect condition.

THOUGHT HE HAD BEEN KILLED.

So Michael Dolan's Delirious Wife Out Her Own Throat.

Jacob Shaffer ran into the Grove Street Police Station, Jersey City, at 6 o'clock this morning, and said that his Michael Dolan, wife of an abattoir butcher, living in the house with him at the corner of Brunswick and Eighth streets, had just cut her throat.

The husband works in the abattoir at night and was absent from his home at the time. Thomas Burns, a brother of the woman, was the only person present when she attempted to take her life.

Last night Mrs. Dolan was somewhat delirious, and was under the delusion that her husband had been murdered and that his body, together with that of his sister and brother-in-law, was lying dead at the latter's home in seventh street. This delusion caused her to attempt her own life.

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy, Syrup of Pines, a few years ago has been now confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers, the California Pines Syrup Company.

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DROVE BEFORE THE ENGINE.

Two Men and a Horse Killed at Elizabeth.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 19.—Abraham Diamond, a butcher on South Broad street, this city, and David Granin, his helper, were both killed this morning while driving across the bridge over the Pennsylvania Railroad. They were struck by the east-bound Southern express.

Diamond was literally cut to pieces, the wagon was demolished and the horse killed. Granin's body was not mutilated.

The cab driver, who was driving across the bridge, was killed, and was laid away with the other victims.

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One lot MISSSES' NEWMARKETS, Middy suits, sizes 14 to 18 years, worth \$15.00, at.....\$9.98

One lot GRITCHENS, fine all wool cloth, deep creases, sizes 4 to 14 years, at.....\$6.75

One lot GRITCHENS, one and two pieces, broken lines, sizes 4 to 14 years, at.....\$3.98

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One lot Boys' SCHOOL SUITS, of dark mixed cloth, sizes 4 to 14 years, regular price \$4.50, reduced to.....\$2.83

One lot Boys' CAPE OVERCOATS, of dark mixed cloth, sizes 4 to 14 years, worth \$5.00, at.....\$4.98

and

SHOES.

LADIES' KID WELT SHOES, with or without tips, also straight gores, with kangaroo tips, Waukegan pattern, last 4.00, at.....\$2.98

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